

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 242

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Bill May, 2015 Governor's Arts
Leadership Award recipient.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those exemplary persons who, through their abiding commitment to excellence, have made significant contributions to the arts and brought national acclaim to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Bill May, executive director of Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts; on March 17, in a ceremony held at the Tennessee Executive Residence in Nashville, Governor Bill Haslam presented the 2015 Governor's Arts Leadership Award to Mr. May for his service to the arts in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, established in 1971 and produced by the Tennessee Arts Commission to recognize contributions to the cultural life of our State, the Governor's Arts Leadership Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated significant support and participation in activities on a statewide basis that advance the value of the arts in Tennessee communities; and

WHEREAS, Bill May's outstanding contribution to Tennessee arts is the stabilization and renewal of Arrowmont, which he led, bringing it back from the brink of dissolution in 2011. His fundraising prowess, combined with his unsurpassed enthusiasm for arts education and cultural preservation, brought Arrowmont to its 2015 status of fiscal independence, future security, and fidelity to its mission to provide craft education, support artists, and advance arts and culture for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, today, Mr. May gives executive leadership to Arrowmont, providing guidance over programs, development, and operations; additionally, he serves as an exhibition juror, an art education presenter, and a board member of many outside organizations; and

WHEREAS, Bill May is wholly committed to actualizing the mission of Arrowmont to fulfill lives through the arts, and his accomplishments over the past four years to successfully stabilize and renew Arrowmont have secured his position and that of the school in Tennessee's rich history of arts education and cultural preservation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize Bill May, 2015 Governor's Arts Leadership Award recipient, for his service to the arts in Tennessee, thank him for preserving and enriching the legacy of Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, and extend to him our best wishes for success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.